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Applicant has submitted a new complete claim set showing marked up claims with insertions indicated by underlining and deletions indicated by strikeouts and/or double bracketing.

Please cancel claim 2 without prejudice or disclaimer.

Please amend pending claims 1, 10, 12, 23, 46, 48, and 76 as noted below.

1. (Currently amended) A sliding device for supporting a rider when sliding on a surface, comprising:

a runner having first and second upturned ends and an intermediate portion between the upturned ends, the runner having an overall length of at most 45 inches;

a deck elevated from the runner, the deck having a front to back direction and an upper surface for supporting~~that supports~~ a rider; and

a spacer secured to the runner at a runner attachment position and secured to the deck at a deck attachment position so that forces applied by a rider on the deck are transmitted to the runner, and so that the deck is restrained from pivoting relative to the runner about an axis running in the front to back direction;

wherein the runner and the deck are constructed and arranged to allow riding with both the first upturned end of the runner forward and the second upturned end of the runner forward.

2. (Canceled)

3. (Withdrawn) The device of claim 21, wherein the upper surface of the deck includes a portion that is concave in an edge-to-edge direction.

4. (Withdrawn) The device of claim 21, wherein the deck includes upturned longitudinal ends.

5. (Previously presented) The device of claim 46, wherein the deck includes uplifted lateral edges that are positioned vertically farther away from the runner than a central portion of the deck.
6. (Previously presented) The device of claim 46, wherein an angle formed between a plane of a bottom surface of the runner and a line extending between a lower edge of the runner and a lateral edge of the deck is between 30 and 70 degrees.
7. (Previously presented) The device of claim 46, wherein the upper surface of the deck is arranged for a gripping surface.
8. (Previously presented) The device of claim 46, further comprising a foam material secured to at least one portion of the upper surface of the deck.
9. (Withdrawn) The device of claim 21, comprising first and second spacers, wherein the runner has an overall length and the first spacer is positioned longitudinally inward from the first upturned end of the runner at a distance equal to approximately one-fifth to one-third of the overall length, and the second spacer is positioned longitudinally inward from the second upturned end of the runner at a distance equal to approximately one-fifth to one-third of the overall length.
10. (Currently amended) The device of claim 46, comprising first and second spacers, wherein the first spacer is positioned nearer the first upturned end of the runner and a second spacer is positioned nearer the second upturned end of the runner, wherein the runner has an overall length and the first and second spacers are separated longitudinally by a distance equal to approximately zero to three-fifths the overall length of the runner.
11. (Previously presented) The device of claim 46, comprising two spacers, wherein the two spacers are longitudinally separated from each other and attach the runner and the deck together, and a portion of the runner between the spacers is free to flex relative to the deck.

12. (Currently Amended) The device of claim 46, wherein at least one of the first and second upturned ends of the runner ~~isare~~ free to move relative to the deck.
13. (Withdrawn) The device of claim 21, wherein at least one of the first and second upturned ends of the runner extends beyond a corresponding end of the deck.
14. (Withdrawn) The device of claim 21, wherein the runner is longer than the deck and the first and second upturned ends of the runner extend beyond corresponding ends of the deck.
15. (Withdrawn) The device of claim 14, wherein the first and second upturned ends are free to move relative to the deck.
16. (Previously presented) The device of claim 46, wherein the runner has a width that is approximately 0.4 to 0.8 times a width of the deck, and the deck has a width between 7 and 15 inches.
17. (Withdrawn) The device of claim 21, wherein a minimum spacing between the upper surface of the deck and a lower surface of the runner is approximately 1 to 8.375 inches.
18. (Withdrawn) The device of claim 21, wherein the runner has a sidecut.
19. (Withdrawn) The device of claim 21, comprising two spacers that are longitudinally displaced and have a same height, wherein the runner and the deck are secured together by the two longitudinally displaced spacers.
20. (Withdrawn) The device of claim 21, wherein the runner is equally spaced vertically from the deck along the intermediate portion of the runner.

21. (Previously presented) The device of claim 1, wherein the spacer is constructed and arranged to allow one of relative rotation of the deck and runner in the front to back direction and relative longitudinal movement of the deck and runner.

22. (Previously presented) The device of claim 46, wherein at least one of the deck and the runner are directly secured to the spacer.

23. (Currently amended) A sliding device for supporting a rider when sliding on a surface, comprising:

a runner having first and second upturned ends, an intermediate portion between the upturned ends, and an overall length;

a deck elevated from the runner, the deck having a front to back direction, an upper surface ~~that supports~~ for supporting a rider, and an overall length; and

a spacer secured to the runner at a runner attachment position and secured to the deck at a deck attachment position so that forces applied by a rider on the deck are transmitted to the runner, and so that the deck is restrained from pivoting relative to the runner about an axis running in the front to back direction;

wherein the runner and the deck are constructed and arranged to allow riding with both the first upturned end of the runner forward and the second upturned end of the runner forward, and wherein the overall runner length and the overall deck length differ by at most 13 inches.

24. (Withdrawn) The device of claim 44, wherein the runner and deck are constructed and arranged to provide equivalent riding performance with the first runner end forward and the second runner end forward.

25. (Withdrawn) The device of claim 44, wherein the upper surface of the deck includes a portion that is concave in an edge-to-edge direction.

26. (Withdrawn) The device of claim 44, wherein the deck includes upturned longitudinal ends.

27. (Withdrawn) The device of claim 44, wherein the deck includes uplifted lateral edges that are positioned vertically farther away from the runner than a central portion of the deck.

28. (Withdrawn) The device of claim 44, wherein an angle formed between a plane of a bottom surface of the runner and a line extending between a lower edge of the runner and a lateral edge of the deck is between 30 and 70 degrees.

29. (Withdrawn) The device of claim 44, wherein the upper surface of the deck is arranged for a gripping surface.

30. (Withdrawn) The device of claim 44, further comprising a foam material secured to at least one portion of the upper surface of the deck.

31. (Withdrawn) The device of claim 44, comprising first and second spacers, wherein the runner has an overall length and the first spacer is positioned longitudinally inward from the first upturned end of the runner at a distance equal to approximately one-fifth to one-third of the overall length of the runner, and the second spacer is positioned longitudinally inward from the second upturned end of the runner at a distance equal to approximately one-fifth to one-third of the overall length of the runner.

32. (Withdrawn) The device of claim 44, comprising first and second spacers, wherein the first spacer is positioned nearer the first upturned end of the runner and a second spacer is positioned nearer a second upturned end of the runner, wherein the runner has an overall length and the first and second spacers are separated longitudinally by a distance equal to approximately zero to three-fifths the overall length of the runner.

33. (Withdrawn) The device of claim 32, wherein a portion of the runner between the spacers is free to flex relative to the deck.

34. (Withdrawn) The device of claim 44, wherein the first and second upturned ends of the runner are free to move relative to the deck.
35. (Withdrawn) The device of claim 44, wherein at least one of the first and second upturned ends of the runner extends beyond a corresponding end of the deck.
36. (Withdrawn) The device of claim 44, wherein the runner is longer than the deck and the first and second upturned ends of the runner extend beyond corresponding ends of the deck.
37. (Withdrawn) The device of claim 44, wherein the first and second upturned ends are free to move relative to the deck.
38. (Withdrawn) The device of claim 44, wherein the runner has a width that is approximately 0.4 to 0.8 times a width of the deck, and the deck has a width of approximately 7 and 15 inches.
39. (Withdrawn) The device of claim 44, wherein a minimum spacing between the upper surface of the deck and a lower surface of the runner is approximately 1 to 8.375 inches.
40. (Withdrawn) The device of claim 44, wherein the runner has a sidecut.
41. (Withdrawn) The device of claim 44, wherein a portion of the deck is wider than a widest portion of the runner.
42. (Withdrawn) The device of claim 44, wherein the runner is equally spaced vertically from the deck along the intermediate portion of the runner.
43. (Withdrawn) The device of claim 44, wherein one of the runner and the deck has a length of between approximately 25 and 45 inches.

44. (Withdrawn) The device of claim 23, wherein the spacer is constructed and arranged to allow one of relative rotation of the deck and runner in the front to back direction and relative longitudinal movement of the deck and runner.

45. (Withdrawn) The device of claim 44, wherein at least one of the deck and the runner are directly secured to the spacer.

46. (Currently amended) A sliding device for supporting a rider when sliding on a surface, comprising:

a runner having first and second upturned ends ~~at least one upturned end~~ and a middle portion;

a deck elevated from the runner, the deck having an upper surface for supporting that ~~supports~~ a rider; and

a spacer secured to the runner at a runner attachment position and secured to the deck at a deck attachment position so that forces applied by a rider on the deck are transmitted to the runner;

wherein one or both of the runner and the deck is arranged and mounted to the spacer to allow longitudinal movement of either the runner or the deck relative to the other, and wherein the runner and deck are constructed and arranged to provide equivalent riding performance with the first runner end forward and the second runner end forward.

47. (Original) The device of claim 46, wherein the runner and deck are constructed and arranged to allow adjustment of the position of the spacer relative to the runner or the deck.

48. (Currently amended) The device of claim 46, wherein ~~the~~ at least one of the first and second upturned ends is constructed and arranged to contact[[s]] the deck while the device is being ridden.

49. (Canceled)

50. (Canceled)

51. (Canceled)

52. (Previously presented) The device of claim 1, wherein the spacer is constructed and arranged to allow movement of the deck and runner toward each other to decrease a distance between a lower surface of the runner near the runner attachment position and the upper surface of the deck near the deck attachment position.

53. (Withdrawn) The device of claim 21, wherein the spacer is constructed and arranged to allow relative rotation of the deck and runner in the front to back direction.

54. (Withdrawn) The device of claim 21, wherein the spacer is constructed and arranged to allow relative longitudinal movement of the deck and runner.

55. (Withdrawn) The device of claim 21, wherein the deck is longer than the runner.

56. (Withdrawn) The device of claim 21, wherein the deck is constructed and arranged to support both feet of a rider.

57. (Withdrawn) The device of claim 21, wherein the deck has no foot bindings to secure a rider's feet to the deck.

58. (Withdrawn) The device of claim 21, wherein the runner has an overall length of at most 40 inches.

59. (Withdrawn) The device of claim 21, wherein the runner has an overall length of at most 35 inches.

60. (Withdrawn) The device of claim 21, wherein the overall runner length and the overall deck length differ by at most 10 inches.

61. (Withdrawn) The device of claim 21, wherein the overall runner length and the overall deck length differ by at most 5 inches.
62. (Withdrawn) The device of claim 21, wherein the ratio of the overall deck length to the overall runner length is at least 0.75.
63. (Withdrawn) The device of claim 21, wherein one of the first and second upturned runner ends contacts the deck.
64. (Withdrawn) The device of claim 23, wherein the spacer is constructed and arranged to allow movement of the deck and runner toward each other to decrease a distance between a lower surface of the runner near a runner attachment position and the upper surface of the deck near a deck attachment position.
65. (Withdrawn) The device of claim 44, wherein the spacer is constructed and arranged to allow relative rotation of the deck and runner in the front to back direction.
66. (Withdrawn) The device of claim 44, wherein the spacer is constructed and arranged to allow relative longitudinal movement of the deck and runner.
67. (Withdrawn) The device of claim 44, wherein the deck is longer than the runner.
68. (Withdrawn) The device of claim 44, wherein the deck is constructed and arranged to support both feet of a rider.
69. (Withdrawn) The device of claim 44, wherein the deck has no foot bindings to secure a rider's feet to the deck.
70. (Withdrawn) The device of claim 44, wherein the runner has an overall length of at most 40 inches.

71. (Withdrawn) The device of claim 44, wherein the runner has an overall length of at most 35 inches.

72. (Withdrawn) The device of claim 44, wherein the overall runner length and the overall deck length differ by at most 10 inches.

73. (Withdrawn) The device of claim 44, wherein the overall runner length and the overall deck length differ by at most 5 inches.

74. (Withdrawn) The device of claim 44, wherein the ratio of the overall deck length to the overall runner length is at least 0.75.

75. (Withdrawn) The device of claim 44, wherein one of the first and second upturned runner ends contacts the deck.

76. (Currently amended) A sliding device for supporting a rider when sliding on a surface, comprising:

a runner having first and second upturned ends, an intermediate portion between the upturned ends, and an overall length;

a deck elevated from the runner, the deck having a front to back direction, an upper surface for supporting~~that supports~~ a rider, and an overall length; and

a spacer secured to the runner at a runner attachment position and secured to the deck at a deck attachment position so that forces applied by a rider on the deck are transmitted to the runner, and so that the deck is restrained from pivoting relative to the runner about an axis running in the front to back direction;

wherein the runner and the deck are constructed and arranged to allow riding with both the first upturned end of the runner forward and the second upturned end of the runner forward, and wherein the ratio of the overall deck length to the overall runner length is at least 0.75.

77. (Previously presented) The device of claim 76, wherein the spacer is constructed and arranged to allow movement of the deck and runner toward each other to decrease a distance between a lower surface of the runner near the runner attachment position and the upper surface of the deck near the deck attachment position.

78. (Previously presented) The device of claim 76, wherein the spacer is constructed and arranged to allow one of relative rotation of the deck and runner in the front to back direction and relative longitudinal movement of the deck and runner.

79. (Withdrawn) The device of claim 78, wherein the runner and deck are constructed and arranged to provide equivalent riding performance with the first runner end forward and the second runner end forward.

80. (Withdrawn) The device of claim 78, wherein the upper surface of the deck includes a portion that is concave in an edge-to-edge direction.

81. (Withdrawn) The device of claim 78, further comprising a foam material secured to at least one portion of the upper surface of the deck.

82. (Withdrawn) The device of claim 78, comprising first and second spacers, wherein the first spacer is positioned longitudinally inward from the first upturned end of the runner at a distance equal to approximately one-fifth to one-third of the overall length of the runner, and the second spacer is positioned longitudinally inward from the second upturned end of the runner at a distance equal to approximately one-fifth to one-third of the overall length of the runner.

83. (Withdrawn) The device of claim 78, comprising first and second spacers, wherein the first spacer is positioned nearer the first upturned end of the runner and a second spacer is positioned nearer a second upturned end of the runner, wherein the runner has an overall length and the first and second spacers are separated longitudinally by a distance equal to approximately zero to three-fifths the overall length of the runner.

84. (Withdrawn) The device of claim 78, comprising two spacers, wherein the two spacers are longitudinally separated from each other and attach the runner and the deck together, and a portion of the runner between the spacers is free to flex relative to the deck.

85. (Withdrawn) The device of claim 78, wherein the first and second upturned ends of the runner are free to move relative to the deck.

86. (Withdrawn) The device of claim 78, wherein the runner has a width that is approximately 0.4 to 0.8 times a width of the deck, and the deck has a width between 7 and 15 inches.

87. (Withdrawn) The device of claim 78, wherein a minimum spacing between the upper surface of the deck and a lower surface of the runner is approximately 1 to 8.375 inches.

88. (Withdrawn) The device of claim 78, wherein the runner has a sidecut.

89. (Withdrawn) The device of claim 78, comprising two spacers that are longitudinally displaced and have a same height, wherein the runner and the deck are secured together by the two longitudinally displaced spacers.

90. (Withdrawn) The device of claim 78, wherein the spacer is constructed and arranged to allow relative rotation of the deck and runner in the front to back direction.

91. (Withdrawn) The device of claim 78, wherein the spacer is constructed and arranged to allow relative longitudinal movement of the deck and runner.

92. (Withdrawn) The device of claim 78, wherein the deck is longer than the runner.

93. (Withdrawn) The device of claim 78, wherein the deck is constructed and arranged to support both feet of a rider.
94. (Withdrawn) The device of claim 78, wherein the deck has no foot bindings to secure a rider's feet to the deck.
95. (Withdrawn) The device of claim 78, wherein the runner has an overall length of at most 40 inches.
96. (Withdrawn) The device of claim 78, wherein the runner has an overall length of at most 35 inches.
97. (Withdrawn) The device of claim 78, wherein the overall runner length and the overall deck length differ by at most 10 inches.
98. (Withdrawn) The device of claim 78, wherein the overall runner length and the overall deck length differ by at most 5 inches.
99. (Withdrawn) The device of claim 78, wherein one of the first and second upturned runner ends contacts the deck.
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